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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD WOJTCZAK.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:CV-01-1163

**Plaintiff** 

(Judge Rambo)

v.

(Magistrate Judge Mannion)

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et al.,

**Defendants** 

FILED HARRISBURG, PA

ORDER

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Before the court is a July 9, 2001, report of the magistrate judge recommending that the captioned action be dismissed for Plaintiff's failure to exhaust administrative remedies. Plaintiff has filed objections to the report.

Plaintiff argues that while his civil rights action is filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, his action is being brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act

-Rehabilitation Act ("ADA") and, therefore, he does not have to exhaust
administrative remedies.

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Deputy Clerk

### Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1) The court adopts the report and recommendation of Magistrate Judge Mannion, to the extent the complaint is deemed to be filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, for failure to exhaust administrative remedies.
- 2) To the extent the complaint is brought pursuant to the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, the complaint is dismissed for failure to state a cause of action against the Commonwealth Defendants.
- 3) Plaintiff's objection to the order of the magistrate judge denying his motion for appointment of counsel is deemed moot in light of the dismissal of this action.
- 4) Any appeal from this order will be deemed frivolous and not taken in good faith.
  - 5) The Clerk of Court shall close the file.

SYLVIA H. RAMBO United States District Judge

Dated: July 25, 2001.

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RICHARD WOJTCZAK,

: CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:01-1163

Plaintiff

: (RAMBO, J.)

v.

: (MANNION, M.J.)

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et al.,

Defendants

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NOTICE

TO: Richard Wojtczak, Reg. No. AF-5977

SCI-HUNTINGDON
1100 Pike Street

Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112

JUL - 9 2001 MARY E D'ANDREA, CLERK

DEPUTY CLERK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has entered the following: Report and Recommendation of Magistrate

Judge Mannion dated 07/9/01.

Any party may obtain a review of the magistrate judge's above proposed determination pursuant to Rule 72.3, M.D.PA, which provides: 72.3 REVIEW OF REPORTS AND

RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAGISTRATE
JUDGES ADDRESSING CASE DISPOSITIVE
MOTIONS

Any party may object to a magistrate judge's proposed findings, recommendations or report addressing a motion or matter described in 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) or making a recommendation for the disposition of a prisoner case or a habeas corpus petition within ten (10) days after being served with a copy thereof. Such party shall file with the clerk of court, and serve on the magistrate judge and all parties, written objections which shall specifically identify the portions of the proposed findings, recommendations or report to which objection is made

and the basis for such objections. The briefing requirements set forth in Local Rule 72.2 shall apply. A judge shall made a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made and may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge. The judge, however, need conduct a new hearing only in his or her discretion or where required by law, and may consider the record developed before the magistrate judge, making his or her own determination on the basis of that record. The judge may also receive further evidence, recall witnesses or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.

MAKACHY E. MANNION

United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: July 9, 2001

7-11-01 pm

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD WOJTCZAK,

: CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:01-1163

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Defendants

MARY E D'ANDREA, CLERK

### REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Plaintiff, an inmate at the State Correctional Institution, Huntingdon, ("SCI-Huntingdon"), Pennsylvania, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, in which he alleges that the defendants violated his rights with respect to Department of Corrections Policy Statement DC-ADM 006 relating to accommodations for inmates with disabilities. (Doc. No. 1). The filing fee having been paid, the complaint will now be given preliminary consideration.

Named as defendants to this action are the following employees and/or officials at SCI-Huntingdon: Jeffery A. Beard, Ph.D., Secretary of the Department of Corrections; Kenneth Kyler, Superintendent; P. Yarger, Health Administrator; Roger Kimber, M.D., Medical Director; P. Everhart, Nurse Supervisor; and Scott Walters, Unit Manager. In addition, the plaintiff has named the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as a defendant to this action.

In sum, the plaintiff alleges in his complaint that on August 16, 1999, Policy Statement DC-ADM 006 was made effective, which establishes the policies and procedures to be used by prison

officials in providing reasonable accommodations for disabled inmates who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act, ("ADA"). The plaintiff alleges that he qualifies for special accommodations under the ADA in that he suffers from chronic degenerating bone disease, diabetes, a cyst condition respiratory conditions, including shortness of emphysema. The plaintiff alleges that, despite the provisions of DC-ADM 006, the named defendants failed to provide him with reasonable accommodations for eating and showering. As a result of defendants' failure to provide him with the accommodations, the plaintiff alleges that he did not receive any meals from October 5, 2000, through November 8, 2000, and was not able to shower from February 27, 2001, through April 4, 2001. The plaintiff is seeking compensatory and punitive damages. (Doc. Nos. 1 & 2).

The Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995, ("Act"), requires that prisoners must exhaust applicable administrative remedies prior to bringing an action in federal court. 42 U.S.C. § 1997(e)(a). Although the plaintiff is seeking only monetary relief in this case, he must still exhaust his administrative remedies, as the Act makes no distinction between claims for damages, injunctive

Although the plaintiff alleges that he did not receive any meals for approximately one (1) month in late 2000, there is no indication from his complaint that he is currently being deprived of meals. Moreover, the plaintiff is apparently in good enough health to have prepared the instant complaint which is in excess of twenty (20) pages, along with a memorandum of law and supporting exhibits. Thus, there is no indication that the plaintiff is under any imminent danger or threat of harm which would require immediate consideration of the claims set forth in his complaint.

With respect to the instant action, DC-ADM 006 sets forth the administrative remedies which must be exhausted by an inmate claiming that he has not been given adequate accommodations pursuant to that Policy Statement. DC-ADM 006(VI)(A)(4) provides:

### 4. Request for Accommodation

- a. An inmate who has a disability that he or she believes is not being reasonably accommodated by the Department shall submit a written request for accommodation on Form DC-135A, "Inmate's Request to Staff Member" to the Facility ADA Coordinator or designee.
- b. The DC-135A must include the inmate's specific disability(s) and the specific accommodation or service the inmate seeks.
- The facility ADA Coordinator or designee shall evaluate the request, for assess the claim medical validity, evaluate
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- d. The Facility ADA Coordinator

will submit the recommendations to the Facility Manager and the Regional Deputy Secretary for final determination. The safety and security of the inmate and the security of the facility will always be the overriding concern.

- e. The Facility Manager will notify the inmate in writing of the final determination within 20 working days of the inmate making the initial request.
- An inmate who has a disability that he or she believes is not being reasonably accommodated by the Department may submit a grievance under Department policy DC-ADM 804, Inmate Grievance "Consolidated Review System". Such grievance must inmate's the specific state disability or disabilities and the specific accommodation or service the inmate seeks. The Centralized ADA Coordinator will conduct final of all ADA grievances review pursuant to DC-ADM 804.

(See Doc. No. 2, Attached DC-ADM 006).

There is no indication that the plaintiff has followed the proper procedures for exhausting his administrative remedies. In fact, the plaintiff indicates in his complaint that he did not file a grievance with respect to the claims raised in his complaint because he "[does] not have to exhaust administrative remedies for Americans with Disabilities Act-Rehabilitation Act." (Doc. No. 1). However, it is clear from the Policy Statement itself that there are administrative remedies which must be exhausted prior to bringing a § 1983 action in this court.

On the basis of the foregoing,

IT IS RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDED THAT:

the plaintiff's complaint, (Doc. No. 1), be DISMISSED for

the plaintiff's failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

CHY E. MANNION ed States Magistrate Judge

Dated: July 9. 2001

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RICHARD WOJICZAK, Plaintiff,	) CIVIL ACTION
vs.	)
PA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS,  Defendant, et al;	) ) )
and	<b>)</b>
JEFFERY A. BEARD, Ph.D., individually and in his official capacity as Secretary, Penna. Dept. of Corrections	) ) )
Defendant, et al;	) )
KENNETH KYLER, individually and in his official capacity as Superintendent, State Correctional Institution (SCIH) Huntingdon PA  Defendant, et al;	) ) ) )
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P. YARGER, individually and in her official capacity as Corrections Health Administrator, State Correctional Institution, (SCIH) Huntingdon, Penna.	) } } }
Defendant, et al;	
ROGER KIMBER, M.D., individually and in his official capacity as Medical Director, State Correctional Institution (SCIH) Huntingdon PA Defendant, et al;	<b>)</b>
P. EVERHART, individually and in her official capacity as Nurse Supervisor, State Correctional Institution (SCIH)Huntingdon, PA  Defendant, et al;	) ) ) )
and	) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
SCOTT WALTERS, individually and in his of- ficial capacity as Unit Manager, State Cor- rectional Institution (SCIH) Huntingdon, PA Defendant, et al.	
SUMN	IONS

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff Richard Wojtczak, AF-5977, whose address is 1100 Pike Street, Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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FURNITU BE USED BY A PRISONER IN FILING A CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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,	1100 PIKE STREET	(Case Number)
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	TRICIA YARGER; GER KIMBER, M.D.;	ACT of 1990 & REHABILITATION
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SC	OTT WALTERS.	
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### JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

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Your Plaintiff, Richard Wojtczak, is properly before this Court with a claim under the Americans Disabilities Act of 1990, Title I, II, eff. Jan. 1992 and Rehabilitation Act with a 42 U.S.C.A. § 1983 Civil Action Complaint, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., and Plaintiff does not have to exhaust administrative remedies. See Roe v. County Com'n of Monongalia County, 926 F.Supp. 74, 76-77 (N.D.W.Va. 1996); Bledsoe v. Palm Beach Cty. Soil & Water Conserv., 133 F.3d 816, 824-825 (11th Cir. 1998); Dertz v. City of Chicago, 912 F.Supp. 319, 323-325 (N.D.III. 1995); Pennsylvania Dept. of Corrections v. Yeskey, 524 U.S. 206. 118 S.Ct. 1952 (1998); Nolan v. Wheatley, 835 F.Supp. 476, 482 (N.D.Ind. 1993); Smith v. Barton, 914 F.2d 1330, 1338 (9th Cir. 1990); Harris v. Thigpen, 941 F.2d 1495, 1521-1522 (11th Cir. 1991); Bonner v. Lewis, 857 F.2d at 561-564; Finley v. Giacoffe, 827 F.Supp. 215, 219 n.3 (S.D.N.Y. 1993). 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343; Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b); 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq..

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#### INTRODUCTION

Your Plaintiff, <u>Richard Woitczak</u>, respectfully submits to this Honorable Court that he is a <u>qualified individual with</u> <u>disabilities</u>.

All defendants were at all times material to this action "employees" of the Penna. Dept. of Corrections (DOC), and/or "sub-contractors" employed by the Penna. Dept. of Corrections (DOC).

All defendants did. under color of State law and in consort with each other, violate Plaintiff's rights guaranteed by the 8th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution . . . and Plaintiff's rights as contained in the Americans with disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act . . . Titles I. II; 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. . . . with deliberate indifference, and acted wantonly with gross disregard to the serious life threatening medical conditions of the Plaintiff as to cause unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain and suffering upon your disabled Plaintiff.

### PARTIES

- 1. Defendant <u>Penna. Dept. of Corrections</u>, official who supervised the defendants who mistreated Plaintiff, who was supposed to know what was going on and keep it from happening.

  P.O. Box 2520 Lisburn Rd., Camp Hill, Pa. 17001-0598.
- 2. Defendant <u>Jeffery A. Beard, Ph.D.</u>, Secretary Penna. Dept. of Corrections, P.O. Box 598, 2520 Lisburn Rd., Camp Hill, Pa. 17001-0598, Official who supervised other defendants who mistreated Plaintiff, who was supposed to know what was going on and keep it

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- 3. Defendant <u>Kenneth Kyler</u>, Superintendent of the State
  Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna. (SCIH), 1100 Pike
  Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652. Official who supervised other
  defendants who mistreated Plaintiff.
- 4. Defendant <u>P. Yarqar</u>, Corrections Health Care Administrator. State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna. (SCIH), 1100 Pike Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652. Official who approves, or denies, treatment to inmates, who also supervised other defendants that mistreated Plaintiff.
- 5. Defendant Roger Kimber, M.D., Medical Director, State
  Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna. (SCIH), 1100 Pike
  Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652. Official who prescribes and delivers
  treatment to inmates who also participated with other defendants
  that mistreated Plaintiff.
- 6. Defendant <u>P. Everhart</u>, Nurse Supervisor, State Correctional Institution that Huntingdon, Penna. (SCIH), 1100 Pike Street, Huntingdon <u>PA</u>. 16652. Official who supervises treatment delivered to inmates, who also participated with other defendants that mistreated Plaintiff.
  - 7. Defendant Scott Walters, Unit Manager of BA Block, State

Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna. (SCIH) 1130 Pike Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652. Official who supervises and coordinates treatment delivered to inmates, who also participated with other defendants that mistreated Plaintiff.

### STATEMENT OF CLAIM

- 8. Plaintiff, <u>Richard Wojtczak</u>, is an incarcerated inmate at the State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna., Penna. Department of Corrections System. (SCIH).
- 9. Plaintiff is a qualified individual with disabilities. †
  Plaintiff suffers from a chronic, degenerating bone disease in
  both knees, hips, and disc in spine. This chronic disease is an
  incurable medical condition.
- 10. Even with the use of a cane, it is extremely difficult and painful for Plaintiff to walk long distances, walk for any length of time, standing for any length of time. It is extremely painful for Plaintiff to walk up and down stairs.
- 11. Parentiff is an insulin dependant diabetic, taking 3 injections of insulin per day, 260 units per day. Plaintiff must eat at least 3 meals per day in order to achieve the insulin-food balance required to keep his diabetes under control.

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- 12. Food, eating at least 3 meals per day along with taking insulin is part of the treatment of diabetes.
- 13. Plaintiff also seffers from a <u>cyst condition</u>. Plaintiff needs to <u>shower</u> regularly as part of the treatment for this <u>cyst</u> condition. <u>Cysts</u> occur on <u>face and scalp</u> (and other areas), that get very large, are painful, and turn to open sores with a dischage. <u>Cysts</u> cause disfigurement with scarring.
- 14. Plaintiff also has <u>respiratory conditions</u>, "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease" (COPD), <u>shortness of breath</u>, <u>high</u> blood pressure, and some <u>emphysema</u>.
- 15. All of these medical conditions of the Plaintiff are well documented in Plaintiff's medical records at SCIH. All of the defendants are well aware of Plaintiff's disabling medical conditions.

### INSTITUTIONAL MEALS

- 16. The latter part of the <u>year 2000</u>, Plaintiff's degenerating bone desease deteriorated to where he could no longer walk to and from the dining hall to eat his meals.
- 17. On or about <u>September 30, 2000</u>, Dr. Reiners approved an order for Plaintiff to <u>eat his meals in his cell</u>. Approval was

only for one week, Plaintiff was told to see <u>Dr. Bardell</u>, acting medical director, to extend this approval.

- 18. On October 2, 2000, Plaintiff saw <u>Dr. Bardell</u> and he extended said order for Plaintiff to be fed in his cell for 6 months.
- 19. On October 5, 2000, Plaintiff was told by Sargt. Heckman that "feed in cell order" had been cut/terminated. Plaintiff then spoke with Defendant Scott Walters, Unit Manager of Plaintiff's cell block, and he (Walters) told Plaintiff that he (Walters) had taken care of "feed in" order . . . "the order has come down, the everything is taken care of." However, Plaintiff still had not been fee!
- 20. On October 6, 2000. Defendant R. Kimber, M.D. (the new Medical Director at SCIH) told Plaintiff that he (Kimber) was instructed by the Deputy Superintendent to tell Plaintiff: (a) that he (Plaintiff) would not be fed in his cell [because this was an "inconvenience for the guards"] and; (b) that he (Plaintiff) would have to walk to the dining hall like everyone else! Plaintiff then asked Defendant Kimber the name of the Superintendent of which there was no response!
- 21. On or about October 5, 2000 to November 8, 2000, Plaintiff received no meals from SCIH: (a) because of Defendants

Walters' and Kimber's deliberate, willful and wanton refusal to have meals delivered to Plaintiff's cell, and; (b) because of Plaintiff's inability to walk to the dining hall due to his chronic degenerating bone disease in both knees, hips and disc in spine.

- 22. On or about October 5, 2000 to November 8, 2000, Plaintiff advised Defendants Kimber, Walters and Everhart, on numerous occasions, that he (plaintiff) was not being fed by the institution. The Defendants' answers ranged from no response at all to "I will let you know", "we are having meetings on that", "I will get back to you", "I'll find out", "I'm waiting to hear from medical", "I'm waiting to hear from the unit manager", "we are having meetings to see what is available for you."
- 23. Richard Wojtczak, your Plaintiff, is a qualified individual with diabetes . . . insulin dependant diabetic, degenerating bone disease in both knees, hips, disc in spine, respiratory condition COPD shortness of breath high blood pressure, and some emphysema. The deliberate indifference and wanton disregard for Plaintiff's disabilities exhibited by the defendants inflicted pain and referring on Plaintiff, placed Plaintiff in a life threatening condition. Plaintiff experienced headaches, dizziness, blurry vision, nausia, stomach pain, overall body pain, light headiness, faintness, pain from the large cysts, and disfigurement of face scalp by scarring from these cysts.

### PERSONAL HYGIENE - SHOWERS

24. The Defendants' wanton, capricious, reckless disregard for Plaintiff's disabilities and basic human needs continues.

- 25. Your Plaintiff, Richard Wojtczak, also suffers disabling respiratory conditions . . . COPD, shortness of breath, high blood pressure, some emphysema. These conditions are also well documented in Plaintiff's medical file at SCI Huntingdon, Pa.. All of the defendants are well aware of these disabling conditions of the Plaintiff.
- 26. Because of the aforementioned respiratory conditions, for the last several years the Plaintiff was approved to shower in the infirmary-medical dept.. Due to the heat and steam in the general population cell block showers, the Plaintiff cannot shower there because he gets dizzy, lightheaded, faint, and on the verge of passing out.
- 27. The latest approval for these <u>shower</u> arrangements in the infirmary was granted by <u>Defendant Dr. R. Kimber</u> for one year, until <u>December 2001</u>. In addition to Plaintiff, there were several other inmates <u>showering</u> in the infirmary-medical dept. for various reasons.
  - 28. On February 27, 2001, Plaintiff was told by medical

staff that he could no longer shower in the infirmary, these "showers were being closed down." Plaintiff was told to contact Defendant Scott Walters as to where Plaintiff was to shower.

- 29. On February 27, 2001, your Plaintiff wrote a request slip to <u>Defendant Scott Walters</u>, unit manager, as to where he should <u>shower</u>. <u>Defendant Scott Walters</u>' response was "I have asked medical to re-evaluate your ability to shower with the general population. When they respond to me <u>I will let you know</u>.
- 30. On March 1, 2001, Plaintiff spoke with Defendant Dr. R. Kimber, as to where he was to shower. Plaintiff and Defendant & Kimber discussed again Plaintiff's respiratory conditions and his inability to shower in general population cell block showers.

  Defendant Kimber told Plaintiff that he would let him know where he could shower.
- 31. On March 14. 2001, Plaintiff spoke with <u>Defendant Patty</u>

  <u>Everhart</u>, Nurse Supervisor, about where he was to <u>shower</u>. Plaintiff again discussed his respiratory conditions and general population of the plaintiff of the plaintiff of the plaintiff.

  <u>Walters</u> as to what was available for the Plaintiff.
- 32. On March 14, 2001, Plaintiff asked <u>Defendant Everhart</u>
  why he could <u>not shower</u> in the ATA room shower. <u>Defendant Everhart</u>

shower is off-limits, absolutely NO one is to shower in the ATA room shower. Plaintiff then asked <u>Everhart</u> which "deputy superintendent" told her that? However, there was no response! Plaintiff then explained to <u>Everhart</u> that there were already three inmates showering in the ATA room shower and, still, there was no response from <u>Everhart</u>!

- one of these inmates has respiratory conditions . . . one of these inmates has leg and back conditions . . . third inmate's medical problems are unknown to Plaintiff.
- 34. At least two of the inmates showering in the ATA room shower have almost identical medical conditions as Plaintiff, however, Plaintiff still was not permitted to shower in the ATA room shower.
- 35. From <u>February 27, 2001 to April 4, 2001</u>, the defendants denied Plaintiff to <u>shower</u>. The defendants were well aware of this situation.
- 36. Plaintiff suffers from a painful and serious <u>cyst condition</u>. This medical condition is well documented in Plaintiff's medical file at SCI Huntingdon. Penna.. The defendants are well aware of this medical condition.

- in these cysts. These showers are part of the treatment for these cysts. These cysts occur on face and scalp (and other areas), they get very large, are painfull, and they turn into open sores with discharge. These cysts cause disfigurement with scarring.
- 38. By not being permitted to <u>shower</u> for <u>over one month</u>, Plaintiff did break out with these <u>cysts</u> on face, neck and chest.

### CAUSE OF ACTION

This <u>Cause of Action</u> is to be incorporated against <u>each and</u> <u>all defendants</u> herein as though fully set forth <u>to each and all defendants</u>. The allegations in paragraphs 1 to 38 herein are also incorporated by reference herein as though fully set forth.

Your Plaintiff, Richard Woitczak, is a qualified individual with disabilities as previously discussed herein. All of the defendants, in their entirety, in this cause of action, has shown deliberate indifference and wanton disregard for the health, safety, and life of this Plaintiff, by intentionally refusing to provide tenour disabled Plaintiff, the most basic human needs of minimal civilized measures of life's necessities. This offends the evolving standards of decency and being repugnant to the conscience of mankind . . . did with full knowledge, discriminate against Plaintiff because of his disabilities, did violate Plain-

tiff's rights under the 8th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution—and did violate Plaintiff's rights as contained in the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 - Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Each defendant, at all times, did have full knowledge of Plaintiff's disabilities <u>and</u> did have full knowledge of the Penna. Dept. of Corrections policies - directives - customs.

The Penna. Dept. of Corrections issued a policy statement on June 28, 1999, effective August 16, 1999 . . . "Reasonable Accommodations for inmates with Disabilities", DC-ADM 006. This policy explains the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

With their usual arrogance, these defendants in their entitety, completely ignored their own policies, specifically <u>DC-ADM 006</u>.

. did not feed Plaintiff for one month . . did not allow

Plaintiff to shower for one month . . . and did not make "Reasonable Accommodations" for this disabled Plaintiff. These "accommodations" would <u>Not</u> have created an expense or hardship for the defendants. Plaintiff could have been <u>fed</u> in his cell. (Other inmates on the same cell block as Plaintiff were <u>fed</u> in their cells). Plaintiff could have <u>showered</u> in the ATA room <u>shower</u>. (Other inmates were already <u>showering</u> in the ATA room <u>shower</u>).

Defermints failed to remedy violations against this disabled Plaintiff, with deliberate indifference, and with malicious, wanton state of mind. The defendants, with deliberate indifference, and malicious, wanton state of mind to Plaintiff's disabilities.

. diabetes, degenerating bone disease, respiratory ailments,

cyst condition . . . did injure and cause Plaintiff unnecessary pain and suffering.

Penna. Dept. of Corrections, Defendant, et al is a government entity, which is responsible for the health and safety of the inmates incarcerated in the State Correctional Institutions in Penna. Penna. Dept. of Corrections issues policies - directives to each state correctional institution in Penna., for the maintenance and overall operations of said institutions. Defendant Jeffery A. Beard, Ph. D., the Secretary, Penna. Dept. of Corrections, is a decisionmaker and has the authority to establish. "entity" policy, and the authority to enforce the policy statement-directives issued by the Penna. Dept. of Corrections. This establishes the Penna. Dept. of Corrections liability.

Dept. of Corrections, is a decisionmaker and has the authority to establish "entity" policy and the authority to enforce "entity policy" and the authority to be certain policy is complied with, specifically DC-ADM 006. Under his supervision any action, in the instant case non-action to enforce compliance with DC-ADM 006 reflects the official government entity policy. In this instant case Defendant Beard failed to enforce compliance with policy DC-ADM 006, at SCI Huntingdon, Penna..

Kenneth K. Kyler, Defendant, et al. Superintendent, State

Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna.. <u>Defendant Kyler</u> has the supervisory authority to enforce compliance with <u>DC-ADM</u>

006, at SCI Huntingdon, Penna.. In this instant case, <u>Defendant</u>

Kyler failed to enforce compliance with <u>DC-ADM</u> 006 at SCI Huntingdon, Penna..

P. Yarger, Defendant, et al., Corrections Health Care Administrator, State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna..

Approval Orders by doctors for inmates are recorded by <u>Defendant P. Yarger</u> has the supervisory authority to enforce compliance with <u>DC-ADM 006</u> at SCI Huntingdon, Penna.. In this instant case, <u>Defendant P. Yarger failed</u> to enforce compliance with <u>DC-ADM 006</u> at SCI Huntingdon, PEnna..

Roger Kimber, M.D., Defendant, et al, Medical Director,
State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna.. Defendant
Kimber knows of policy DC-ADM 006 because it addresses medical
issues. If Defendant Kimber does not have the authority to
enforce compliance with policy DC-ADM 006, Defendant Kimber,
himself did not comply with policy DC-ADM.

P. Everiart, Defendant, et al, Nurse Supervisor, State

Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna. Defendant Everhart

knows of policy DC-ADM 006 because it addresses medical issues.

If Defendant Everhart does not have the authority to enforce

compliance with policy DC-ADM 006, Defendant Everhart, herself,

failed to comply with policy DC-ADM 006.

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Scott Walters, Defendant, et al, Unit Manager, State Correctional Institution at Huntingdon, Penna. Defendant Walters had full knowledge of Plaintiff's disabilities, and was involved in Plaintiff "being fed", and "showers" for the Plaintiff. Defendant Walters failed to act despite his knowledge of a substantial risk of serious harm to Plaintiff. Defendant Walters knows of policy DC-ADM 006 by way of his supervisory position as Unit Manager. If Defendant Walters does not have the authority to enforce compliance with DC-ADM 006, Defendant Walters, himself, failed to comply with DC-ADM 006.

#### DEFENDANTS

Penna. Dept. of Corrections: Jeffery A. Beard, Ph.D.; Kenneth Kyler all have the necessary authority to enforce compliance with policy DC-ADM oo6... and were grossly negligent in the management of subordinates, allowing the discrimination against the Plaintiff because of his disabilities. They failed to act despite their Knowledge of substantial risk of serious harm, pain and suffering and disabled inmates - Plaintiff. This failure to act caused Plaintiff unnecessary pain, suffering and injury.

Kenneth Kyler; P. Yarger; Roger Kimber, M.D.; P. Everhart;

Scott Walters all have the necessary authority to comply with

policy DC-ADM 006. They were grossly negligent in management. failing to terminate the discrimination against this Plaintiff because of his disabilities. They failed to act despite their knowledge of substantial risk of serious harm, pain and suffering to the disabled Plaintiff. This failure to act caused Plaintiff unnecessary pain, suffering and injury.

All of the defendants acted with a sufficiently culpable state of mind. A state of mind of deliberate indifference shown by actions characterized by wantoness, a wanton infliction of pain upon this Plaintiff, causing injury. The defendants' acts, were a serious deprivation of basic human needs, of the minimal; civilized measure of life's necessities which a civilized society can not tolerate, NO, must not tolerate.

### RELIEF

Your Plaintiff, Richard Wojtczak, brings this action against the defendants in <u>BOTH</u> their individual <u>AND</u> official capacities.

Wherease, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Honorable Court enterstudgment granting Plaintiff:

1. <u>Punitive Damages</u> in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to Plaintiff from all defendants and each of them:

- 2. Compensatory Damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to Plaintiff from all defendants and each of them:
- 3. <u>Future Damages</u> in the amount of \$500,000.00 to Plaintiff from all defendants and each of them for injuries, medical conditions not yet apparent at \$50,000.00 a year for ten years;
  - 4. Trial by Jury on all issues triable by jury;
- 5. The costs and disbursement of this action, including reasonable attorney fees and costs;
- 6. All federal monies being given to the PA Dept. of Corrections be terminated until such time as the PA Dept. of Corrections fully complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Rehabilitation Act of 1973:
- 7. Such other and further relief as the Court deems necessary, appropriate and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Wojtczak, pro se

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